



OUR MISSION

For 30 years, the Kids in Crisis mission has been steadfast: to protect infants, children and teens from abuse, neglect and family crisis. To fulfill this mission, Kids in Crisis provides free, round-the-clock crisis intervention counseling, comprehensive, temporary emergency shelter, a wide array of prevention programs in local communities, and advocacy throughout Connecticut.

Kids in Crisis is unique in what it offers to area families and children. Since the Agency's creation in 1978, Kids in Crisis has served more than 89,000 Fairfield County children and their families through innovative counseling services, temporary shelter, and community prevention programs. This year, Kids in Crisis provided assistance to 9,280 adults and children in Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan, Norwalk, Ridgefield, Stamford, Weston, Westport and Wilton.

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Kids in Crisis

*free, round-the-clock help
for children, teens and parents*

DEAR FRIEND OF KIDS IN CRISIS:

This year, Kids in Crisis celebrated our 30th anniversary of caring for Connecticut's children. What an amazing journey it has been!

Created in 1978, Kids in Crisis began as a safe harbor for runaway teens. Since then, Kids in Crisis has evolved into a 24-hour hotline, two residential shelters caring for 20 children of all ages, a complete medical program providing in-depth care, meaningful community programs that help prevent issues from escalating, and much more.

The biggest growth for Kids in Crisis during this anniversary year has been the increase in our outreach and prevention programs. During the school year, the innovative TeenTalk program expanded; there are now Counselors in six area urban and suburban schools, providing immediate support where kids spend the majority of their time. These counselors helped almost 2,300 children this year. Their work augments our crisis hotline and, in many cases, helps children before a crisis moves them toward emergency care.

This year, Kids in Crisis was home to 97 children. We are pleased to report that, with enhancements in our outreach and community efforts, we have been able to help a greater number of children and families in their home and community environments—before they need a place to stay. New collaborations with other providers and municipalities and additional support services provided by Kids in Crisis staff have also helped us reduce the average length of stay for children in residence.

Looking ahead, we will continue to expand community programs, with the goal of addressing issues before they become overwhelming for a child or parent or both. We seek to significantly expand our services by increasing the number of TeenTalk Counselors in area schools. Our hope is to have a Counselor in every middle and high school in Fairfield County in the coming years.

Of course, these plans and the continued operation of existing programs will develop amid a changing economic picture. The basic costs of our program – food, shelter, utilities, medical care – continue to rise dramatically, as they do for all families. We must continue to be vigilant in cost-management, and place an increased emphasis on fundraising from public and private donors, all during a time of greater economic pressure. It will be a challenge, indeed.

Despite these complex issues, we believe, as we have for the past 30 years, that struggling children in our area deserve comprehensive care that can help them change their lives. With our partners, donors, and volunteers and their support, we remain committed to providing extraordinary care and the loving environment that is our hallmark—yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Shari L. Shapiro
Executive Director

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